

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

LAMONT RUFFIN, ) 8:11CV316  
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Petitioner, ) **MEMORANDUM**  
 ) **AND ORDER**  
v. )  
 )  
ROBERT HOUSTON, )  
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Defendant. )

Petitioner has filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under [28 U.S.C. § 2254](#) (filing no. [1](#)), a Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (filing no. [2](#)), and a copy of his institutional trust account statement (filing no. [4](#)).

Habeas corpus cases attacking the legality of a person's confinement require the payment of a \$5.00 fee. [28 U.S.C. § 1914\(a\)](#). However, pursuant to [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(a\)\(1\)-\(2\)](#), and after considering Petitioner's financial status as shown in the records of this court, provisional leave to proceed in forma pauperis will be granted and Petitioner is relieved from paying the fee at this time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

The Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (filing no. [2](#)) is provisionally granted and Petitioner will not be required to pay the \$5.00 fee at this time.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Joseph F. Bataillon  
Chief United States District Judge

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